

I am confused who our government is working for these days. With the advent of the DMCA and now this "Broadcast Flag" it seems like every day the average citizen is losing their rights. Once we have handed our rights over, it is very difficult to get them back.

Protocols such as these will dramatically limit the ability to debate and discuss pop culture as it relates to the media in an educational setting which as it currently stands falls squarely under the heading of fair use.

How will I be distinguished from a "professional"? I have a small A/V business and I get by on consumer equipment. Tagging equipment as "professional" will only raise costs of the products due to licensing and complexity (don't get me started on the "security embedded into optical audio in "professional" equipment). Raising my costs will raise the price I am forced to charge clients and therefore eliminating the average person from adding professional level video and audio to their websites, presentations, videos, etc. This once again is an attempt to destroy the middle class and take more power away from the people. Remember, your positions may be sponsored by industry but you are all ultimately voted into office, and I plan on casting my vote.